

Wayne Merriman: Right-hand Man



From errands to paperwork, Wayne Merriman has been helping West Lafayette Police since 2007—recording car tows, delivering paperwork to the prosecutor, assisting with the monthly Drug Drop-Off Program and taking squad cars to the car wash. Wayne has proven to be a valuable asset to the West Lafayette Police Department with his unending desire to assist in its day-to-day activities.

Before his volunteer work began in 2007, Wayne was busy raising his family and working in the field of chemistry at Dow Chemical in Michigan, the University of Hawaii, and at Great Lakes Chemical in West Lafayette. Valedictorian of his Mooresville High School

class, Wayne also earned a degree in chemistry from Indiana University and a Master of Science in Industrial Management from Purdue University. He met his wife, Ruth, the love of his life, shortly after graduating from IU, and they recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. They have two children and two grandchildren.

In the spring of 2007, Wayne received his certificate from the West Lafayette Police Department Citizens Police Academy and began volunteering with the department shortly thereafter. Since then, he has been appointed to serve on both the West Lafayette Go Greener Commission and the Common Construction Wage Commission. He is also on the editorial board for the Journal and Courier and is active at St. James Lutheran Church in Lafayette and serves as a board member of the St. James Foundation.

Wayne describes his greatest accomplishment as raising two fine children with his wife, Ruth. Outside of his passion for volunteer work, he enjoys golf, politics, and trading in the stock market.

Thank you, Wayne, for your selfless acts of kindness towards the West Lafayette Police Department and so many others in this community.